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President: Mr. Essy ..... (Côte d'Ivoire)

In the absence of the President, Ms. Arystanbekova (Kazakstan), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m

Tribute to the memory of Mr. Abdul Rahman Pazhwâk, President of the General Assembly at its twenty-first session

The President: Before we take up the item on our agenda this morning, it is my sad duty to inform members of the Assembly of the death of His Excellency Mr. Abdul Rahman Pazhwâk of Afghanistan, which occurred on 8 June 1995.

Mr. Pazhwâk was President of the General Assembly at its twenty-first session, in 1966, and Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations from 1958 to 1973. He played a prominent role in this Organization and made a major contribution towards the achievement of the objectives set out in the Charter.

On behalf of the General Assembly, I should like to convey to the members of the family of Abdul Rahman Pazhwâk and to the Government and people of Afghanistan our deepest and most heartfelt condolences.

I now invite representatives to stand and observe a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of Abdul Rahman Pazhwâk.

The members of the General Assembly observed a minute of silence.

The President: I call on the representative of Afghanistan.

Mr. Arsalai (Afghanistan): We were deeply grieved to hear of the death, on 8 June 1995, of Ambassador Abdul Rahman Pazhwâk, Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations from 1958 to 1973, President of the General Assembly at its twenty-first session, 1966 and 1967.

(spoke in Arabic)

"To God we belong, and to Him is our return". *(The Holy Koran, SII:156)*

(spoke in English)

Ambassador Pazhwâk was a famous writer, poet and politician. His death is a great loss for our nation. Ambassador Pazhwâk died after a long sickness in Peshawar, Pakistan, and was buried in his family's grave in Nangarhar Province in Afghanistan. Prayer ceremonies were held in Kabul on the occasion of his death.

On behalf of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, I express my deep gratitude and thanks to you, Madame President, and to the members of the Assembly for the tribute paid to the late Ambassador Pazhwâk and also for the messages of condolence and sympathy addressed to us on this sad occasion.

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